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Response Under 37 CFR § 1.116  
Expedited Procedure - Group 2623

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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
: Examiner: M. Dastouri  
HIROSHI SATOMI )  
: Group Art Unit: 2623  
Application No.: 09/406,721 )  
: Filed: September 28, 1999 )  
: For: APPARATUS AND METHOD )  
: OF PROCESSING )  
: CHARACTERS ) April 8, 2004

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PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Sir:

Applicant petitions the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated December 10, 2003 for one month from March 10, 2003 to April 10, 2004.

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Submitted herewith is a check for \$110.00 to cover the fee for the extension under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17. Any deficiency in or overpayment of this fee should be charged or credited to Deposit Account 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this petition is enclosed.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, CA office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,



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